

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND REVITALIZATION

Voting Members:

Tommy Waters, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice-Chair;
Brandon J.C. Elefante, Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan, Ron Menor

Committee Meeting Held
May 27, 2020

Honorable Ikaika Anderson
Council Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Economic Assistance and Revitalization, which considered Resolution 20-133 entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOSH GREEN'S PROPOSED "TRAVEL WITH ALOHA" PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR THE REOPENING OF AIR TRAVEL TO HAWAII WHILE MINIMIZING THE RISK OF IMPORTING THE CORONAVIRUS FROM TRAVELING VISITORS AND RETURNING RESIDENTS,"

introduced on May 20, 2020, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 20-133 is to express the Council's support for the "Travel With Aloha" program proposed by Lieutenant Governor Josh Green ("Lt. Gov. Green") to allow for the reopening of air travel to Hawaii while minimizing the risk of importing the coronavirus from traveling visitors and returning residents.

Lt. Gov. Green testified in support of the Resolution. Lt. Gov. Green spoke about the importance of getting the local economy going again and easing restrictions on interisland travel, but ensuring these actions are undertaken in a systematic and safe manner. Lt. Gov. Green responded to questions by Council Chair Emeritus Menor regarding the necessity for various approaches to COVID-19 testing. Lt. Gov. Green responded to Council Chair Anderson's question about contact tracing, indicating that the State needs approximately 250 to 500 contact tracers to have a safe reopening process that is capable of handling any surge in positive COVID-19 cases.

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Lt. Gov. Green responded to Councilmember Elefante's questions about how tests are verified before travel, indicating that an electronic database is necessary. Lt. Gov. Green responded to Committee Chair Waters' questions about the possibility of intergovernmental agreements regarding the regulation of travelers, the possibility of using currently available technology to do contact tracing, and the availability of necessary medical capacity in case of any spiking in the number of positive COVID-19 cases as the State continues to reopen. Lt. Gov. Green indicated that those conversations are ongoing, and he related the current capacity of our healthcare system as follows: 2773 total hospital beds with approximately 51%, or 1425 beds in use, absent spiking; 244 to 338 ICU beds with approximately 43%, or 105 beds in use, absent spiking; and 459 ventilators with approximately 12%, or 54 ventilators in use, absent spiking.

The Mayor's Chief of Staff, Gary Kurokawa, shared that the Mayor's Office is continuing to evaluate which areas of the economy can be opened up safely in phases. Chief of Staff Kurokawa reiterated the importance of testing, contact tracing, and assessing the best practices of countries with low occurrences of COVID-19.

Your Committee received no remote or other in-person testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii and Roberts Hawaii. Written testimony providing an update on COVID-19 was received from Lt. Gov. Green. No written testimony was received in opposition to the testimony.

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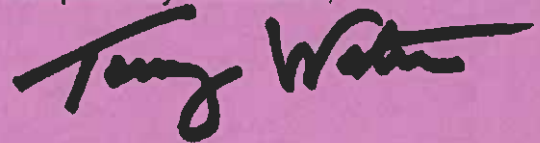
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Your Committee on Economic Assistance and Revitalization is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 20-133 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Elefante, Kobayashi, Fukunaga, Menor, Waters - 5; Noes: None; Excused: Manahan - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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